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FOR SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT RICHARD BELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, HAS BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY ON JULY 31 BEFORE SENATOR JACKSON'S PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS ON THE IMPACT OF RECENT SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES ON DOMESTIC FOOD PRICES.
- 2. BELL'S TESTIMONY FOLLOWS THAT OF FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BURNS BEFORE THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON JULY 29 IN WHICH HE WAS QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT SALES OF GRAIN TO THE USSR COULD SET OFF A FOOD PRICE SURGE. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ACCORDING TO LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, NO NEW USSR
PURCHASES ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL MID-AUGUST AT
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